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Degas Pastel Society Members Exhibition

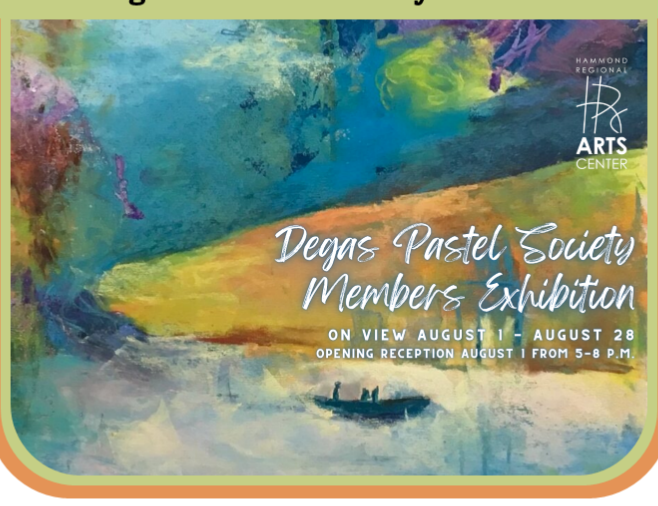
By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

If you think pastel art is all soft edges and pretty colors, think again — the Hammond Regional Arts Center is about to show just how bold and breathtaking this medium can be.

This August, the HRAC's Main Gallery will burst to life with the Degas Pastel Society's 24th Biennial Exhibition, running from August 1 through August 28. The whole celebration kicks off with an opening reception on August 1 from 5 to 8pm, and it's completely free and open to the public — so bring a friend or five.

If you're not familiar with the Degas Pastel Society, here's the quick scoop: named after Edgar Degas — the legendary French artist who took the humble pastel stick and turned it into fine art royalty — the Society has made it their mission to keep the pastel flame burning bright. Every two years, they gather some of the best pastel artists around and let them strut their stuff in a juried show that's as inspiring as it is impressive.

This year's exhibition features a hand-picked collection of 80 pastel works, all selected by Phil Sandusky, a nationally known



plein air impressionist whose keen eye for beauty and brushwork makes him the perfect judge for this colorful affair.

From sweeping landscapes to bold contemporary pieces, expect a gallery full of works that prove pastels can be soft, moody, vibrant, or downright explosive, sometimes all at once.

So why should you circle August 1 on your calendar and show up for the opening reception? Easy — there's something special about seeing an exhibit first, surrounded by people who love art just as much as you do. You'll get to chat with some of the artists, pick their brains about technique (or just their favorite colors), and mingle with neighbors and fellow art fans over light refreshments.

An opening night is part art show, part social hour, part sneak peek behind the scenes. There's an energy you can't bottle — that buzz of fresh canvases on the walls, artists beaming by their work, and the chance to see which piece gets everyone talking.

If you're craving a splash of creativity or just want to wander through a space that's dripping with color and talent, swing by the Hammond Regional Arts Center this August. Come for the art, stay for the conversation, and leave inspired to see pastels in a whole new light. Degas would approve — and you just might, too.

A Day for Those Who Run Toward Danger

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times
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Some holidays sneak up on us quietly — no balloons, no fireworks, no parades — but they matter all the same. Observed on the first Saturday in August, National VFR Day is one of those days.

Short for Veterans and First Responders Day, VFR Day is a moment to press pause, look around, and remember the people who run toward danger when the rest of us run away.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, there are about 4.6 million career and volunteer first responders working across the country — firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and law enforcement officers who stand ready to step in when things go terribly wrong. Add to that the millions of veterans who have served our country, often far from home,

and you start to see the sheer scale of sacrifice woven quietly into daily life.

Unfortunately, heroism has a price. Many veterans and first responders face daily exposure to traumatic events, and the ripple effects are heavy: higher rates of PTSD, depression, anxiety, and suicide compared to the general population.

National VFR Day was created to shine a light on this reality and to remind all of us that caring for our heroes doesn't stop when the sirens do.

So what can we do about it? Start simple.

Check in on the veterans and first responders you know — a quick call, a cup of coffee, a listening ear. Advocate for better mental health services in your community. Support local organizations that connect veterans and first responders with counseling, peer groups, or crisis help.

If you're a business owner, offer a small discount or a word of thanks. If you're an employer, make sure your workplace culture supports open conversations about mental health — stigma has no place where courage lives.

National VFR Day is a reminder that bravery doesn't mean being invincible — it means being human, flaws and all. So this year, take a moment to look around, offer a genuine thank you, and remember that sometimes the best way to honor a hero is to make sure they know it's okay to need help, too.

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Me: I'd rather not. I kinda need this job.

PALINDROME du jour

Mr Owl ate my metal worm

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward as it does forward. If you have a favorite palindrome, send it to publisher@tangitimes.com.

Back in My Day

By Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Back in my day, we didn't have these fancy-schmancy mega-marts with entire aisles dedicated to glittery folders and color-coded planners. No sir, back in my day, back-to-school shopping meant Mama dragged us down to the Five-and-Dime armed with three dollars, a piece of notebook paper with scribbled prices, and a look that said don't you dare ask for nothing extra.

We didn't have cartoon characters on our pencil pouches either — our pencil pouch was our front pocket. If you lost a pencil, you'd better hope you had a stub of one rolling around at the bottom of the bus or you were borrowing from the kid who kept theirs in their ear like a construction foreman.

These days, kids want mechanical pencils in twelve colors, highlighters that smell like tropical fruit, and binders with holographic kittens riding skateboards under a rainbow. Back then, you got the plain yellow #2 and an eraser that always left a smudge shaped like Louisiana when you tried to fix your mistakes.

Lunchboxes? Let me tell you, my lunchbox was last night's bread bag, twisted shut and stuffed in my backpack. If you were real fancy, you might reuse the same brown paper sack until it turned into something resembling a wasp nest.

Nowadays, you got insulated bento boxes with built-in ice packs and color-matching snack containers. I once had a Tupperware container for exactly three days before my brother ran over it with his bicycle — Mama said that was my lesson in "keeping up with nice things."

And don't get me started on backpacks. Y'all got ergonomic straps and hidden laptop sleeves.

My backpack was a hand-me-down from my cousin's cousin's cousin and smelled like mothballs and bubblegum. One strap always gave out halfway through the first week of school, so you spent the rest of the year hitching it up with a belt loop and a prayer.

But you know what? We learned just fine. Didn't matter if our crayons were broken and our Trapper Keeper was a rubber band holding loose papers together — we still managed to spell Mississippi and multiply fractions in our heads. And when that first day of school rolled around, you better believe we were ready — new shoes or not, pencil or not, lunch or not.

So if you see me down at the store shaking my head in the back-to-school aisle, just know it ain't that I don't like fancy markers and gel pens — it's just that Back In My Day, school supplies didn't need their own shopping cart. And somehow, we survived.

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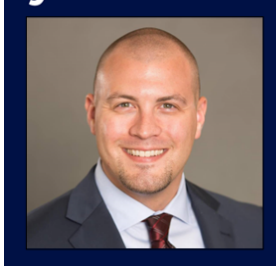
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Former Port Commission Member Receives Service Award

Former South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) member Jimmy Schliegelmeyer, Jr. receives a plaque from the STPPC at its July 23, 2025, meeting, as a sign of appreciation for his four years (2020-24) of dedicated community service to the board that serves at the State of LA's legal authority for the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal.

Pictured (from left to right): STPPC President Daryl Ferrara, STPPC Vice-President Tina Roper, former STPPC member Jimmy Schliegelmeyer, Jr., STPPC Secretary Rhonda Sheridan & STPPC Treasurer Timothy DePaula.

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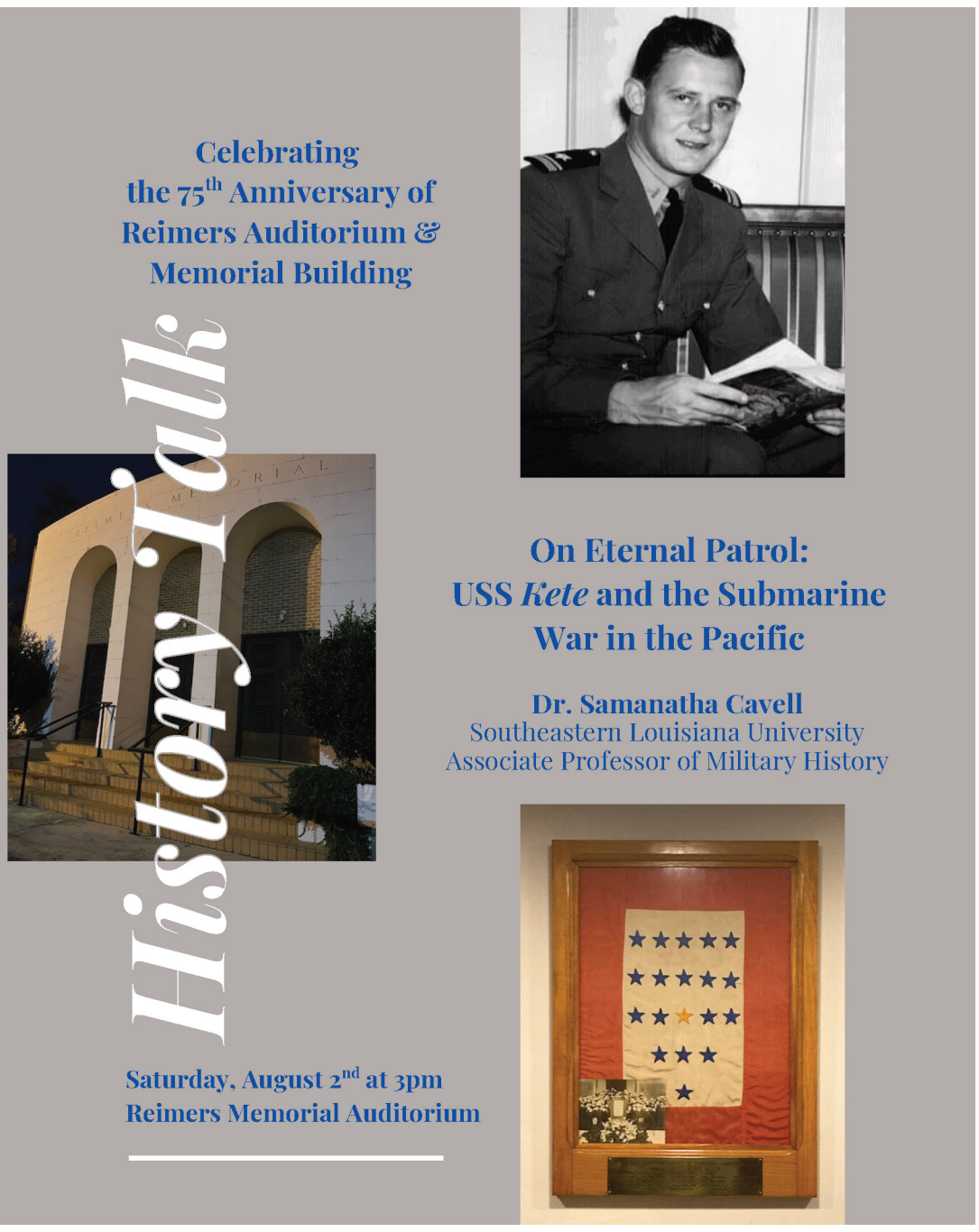


Helping Kids Show Up Ready

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

It's that time again — fresh notebooks, sharpened pencils, and kids buzzing with equal parts excitement and nerves. Back to school season can be thrilling, but for plenty of families, it's also a big source of stress.

On Saturday, August 2, at 10:00am, the Hammond-based nonprofit Seeing Past My Block will kick off its 5th Annual Back 2 School Giveaway & Health Fair at 600 Martin Luther King Avenue. If you've got a kid, know a kid, or were once a kid yourself, you know how big of a deal that first day back can be — new teachers, new classmates, and hopefully a backpack stuffed with the right tools to tackle it all.

Seeing Past My Block is making sure local students don't have to show up empty-handed. Free backpacks, free school supplies, and free food for the whole family are all part of the plan.

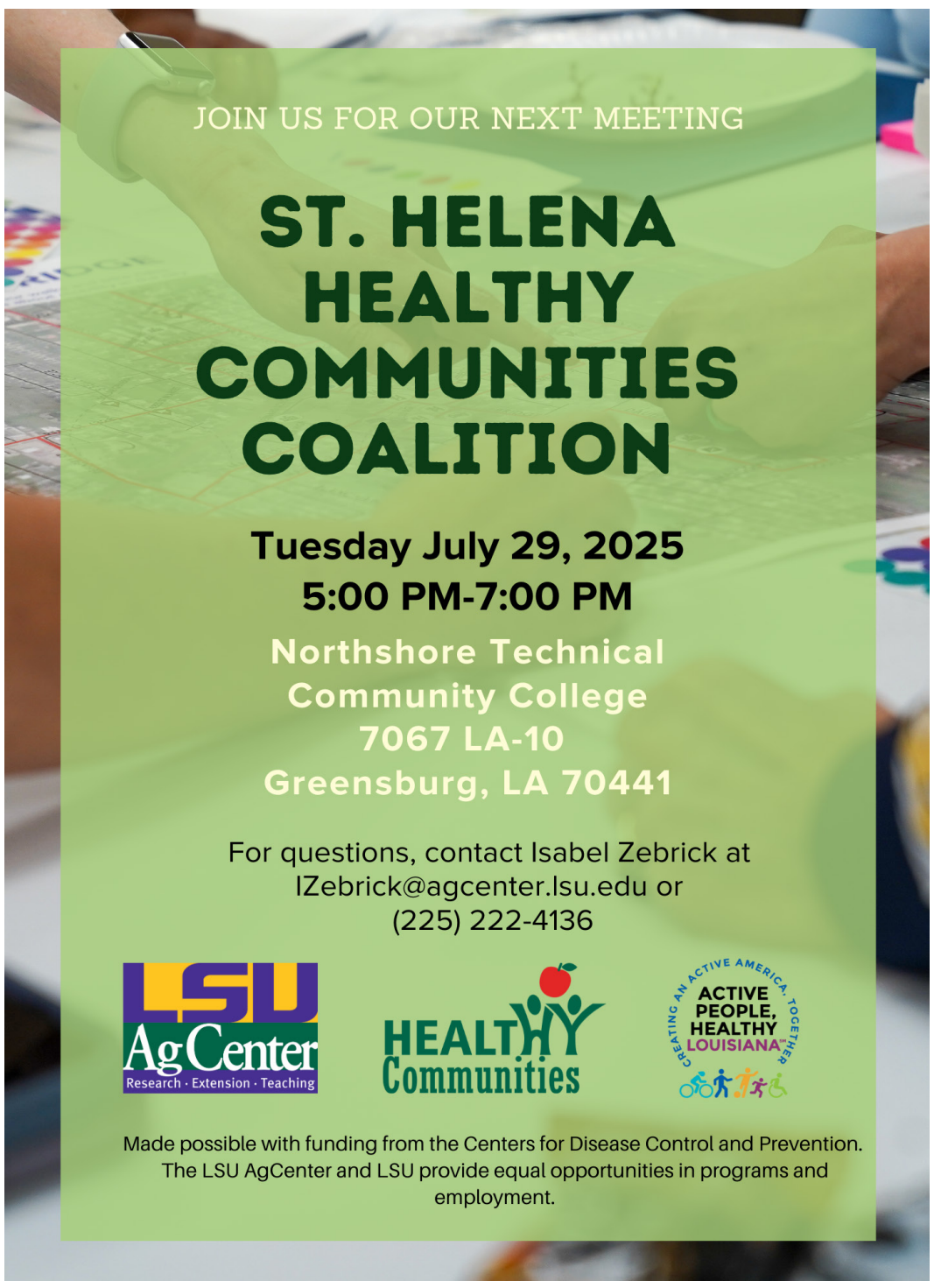
There will also be free health screenings on site — because healthy eyes, ears, and smiles make for better days in the classroom.

And it doesn't stop there. Families can connect with local resources and vendors, picking up information and support they might not even know is out there.

More than just a handout, this event is a yearly reminder that communities thrive when neighbors look out for each other. It's about showing kids that a village really does have their back — that plenty of caring folks want to see them succeed. And that's something bigger than any single notebook or juice box.

If you've never been, expect a crowd full of families, volunteers, and local partners all doing what they can to send kids off feeling ready and confident. Bring your people, grab a backpack, grab a bite to eat, and meet a few new faces.

It all starts at 10am and runs while supplies last.



SLITHERY THINGS
So misunderstood!
By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

Snakes in a Boat

Imagine you're in your boat checking your catfish lines hanging from a tree, or maybe you're trying to free your lure from a branch, and all of sudden your boat occupancy goes up by 1 slithery snake. This scenario does happen, but the identity of the snakes may surprise you.

This probably won't end up being a Hollywood thriller, but it's a scenario that could definitely make the fishing trip a memorable one. Snakes do often sun in lower branches of trees hanging over water, but it's not often the type that most people claim.

If you've heard this fishing tale, it most certainly involved a venomous cottonmouth water moccasin; however, it was more than likely a case of mistaken identity, and I'll explain why.

Cottonmouths do spend the majority of their time around water but very little time in tree branches because they're just not great climbers. They typically spend their time sunning right on the water's edge or tucked into the trunk of a curvy cypress tree.

Harmless, nonvenomous water snakes, on the other hand, absolutely LOVE to sun on the lower branches of trees, which is why they often accidentally end up in boats.

A snake in a boat can be a scary situation because of the surprise, but I promise you the snake is even more surprised than you! Imagine you're the snake just soaking up some rays (they're cold blooded, so they can't regulate their body temperature without the help of the sun or shade), and all of a sudden there's a giant predator right next to you.

Instincts kick in and you go to flee into the safety of the water, but for some reason you don't splash into the water when you fall because there's a boat there. The snake has every intention of falling into the water and swimming to safety, but instead, it's in a confusing new space right beside a predator.

The shock and fear will cause the snake to panic and become defensive, but it wants nothing more than to get out of the boat and as far away from people as possible. They never purposely fall into a boat; they just don't understand that something is now between them and the water when they fall.

If you find yourself in this situation, simply use a net or paddle to gently dump the snake over the edge of the boat and into the water. Take a picture if you can and send it to us so we can give you a positive ID, but please remember snakes NEVER want to bite.

Any wild animal will protect itself if it feels there's no other choice. The key difference for snakes is that they don't have arms, legs or claws, so their only way to protect themselves is to bite. Just give them space and watch where you step, and you'll probably never encounter a snake bite.

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Louis Fajoni Photo Exhibit at the Amite Library

Louis A. Fajoni was born in Palermo, Sicily, October 9, 1894. He left Palermo at 9 years old on September 23, 1903, on a vessel "Manilla," coming to the United States, traveling with his father Peter, mother Jane and younger sister Antonia, who was 2. The trip took 20 days, and they settled in Amite City, Louisiana.

Louis began photographing many community and family events. In the 1920s and 1930s, he took numerous photos of school classes all over Tangipahoa Parish, as well as key events, including an Amite visit by Governor Huey P. Long.

He continued taking pictures for the Amite high school yearbook until 1971. Louis Fajoni recorded our history in the darkroom of his studio – the special moments of our lives developed with his fine focus. He did this painstakingly and patiently, leaving us with thousands of images.

A collection of his images is on exhibition at the Amite Library until the first week of August. You will be invited to share what you remember about the people and places. This information will be added to the collection.

The photos presented came from the archives at the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies at Southeastern and from private collections.

If you have any Fajoni photographs, we would like to add copies to this collection.
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N O T I C E

THE SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 9:00AM PONCHATOULA CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING 110 WEST HICKORY STREET PONCHATOULA, LA

Any member of the public who has a condition which meets the definition of a disability under the Americans with disabilities Act and who wishes to participate in this meeting, such person, or a designated caregiver of such person, shall contact the port's administrative office at (985) 386-9309 at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting and request that such participation by telephone be arranged.

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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025 9:00AM CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING - 110 W. HICKORY ST., PONCHATOULA, LA

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at the City Hall Annex Building, located at 110 W. Hickory Street, Ponchatoula, LA. President Daryl Ferrara called the regular meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

The invocation was given by Administrative Assistant Robyn Pusey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner/Secretary Rhonda Sheridan.

Commissioners Present: Daryl Ferrara, Tina Roper, William Sims, Rhonda Sheridan

Commissioners Absent: Timothy DePaula

President Ferrara welcomed the attendees to the meeting this Monday morning, which included Patrick Dufresne, STPPC Executive Director; Robyn Pusey, Administrative Assistant; Paula Sziber, Jackson Vaughn, Richard Meek, Action 17 News and Chloe Williams, The Daily Star.

President Ferrara told everyone that Vice President Tina Roper had been selected as one of the Tangipahoa Parish Annie Award recipients and congratulated her on this "huge honor". He also acknowledged STPPC Secretary Rhonda Sheridan as one of last year's Annie Award recipients.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice President Roper and seconded by Secretary Sheridan that the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission approve the agenda for June 4, 2025 as presented. Motion passed. Yeas: 4 Ferrara, Roper, Sims, Sheridan Nays: 0 Absent: 1 DePaula

President Ferrara stated that the minutes from May 14, 2025 had been sent to the Commissioners electronically by the administrative assistant for review. The meeting folders included a hard copy of the minutes, and the administrative assistant said there were no changes. After a brief review, a motion was made by Vice President Roper and seconded by Secretary Sheridan to adopt/approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 14, 2025. Motion passed. Yeas: 4 Ferrara, Roper, Sims, Sheridan Nays: 0 Absent: 1 DePaula

TREASURER'S REPORT

The ports accountant and Treasurer DePaula were not in attendance at today's meeting. Vice President Roper reviewed the May 2025 financial reports with the Commissioners. She said the May income statement report there was a net income of approximately $97,000.00, that there was $142,625.94 in revenue, and $44,789.36 in expenses. leaving the total net income of $97,836.58. Vice President Roper said, "it looks like we're doing well" and didn't see anything that was questionable with the expenses. President Ferrara asked Executive Director Patrick Dufresne about the rail car income of $2,100.00 and asked if there was a "timing issue" (with the payments). Mr. Dufresne explained that there were several income invoices pending with Balchem, that there was a change in their logistics company and the transition has been difficult. He said that he had spoken to someone with CN Rail business development and they were going to try and identify some additional rail clients now that there is additional space at the port. President Ferrara asked if the rail car storage was "slowing down" and Mr. Dufresne said the rail cars are being used and are only seen at the port when they are being parked.

Vice President Roper continued with the Edward Jones statement, saying the account value was $5,126,035.60. She said that at the last meeting there was approval to move money to the Edward Jones account, and she thought this was done. Vice President Roper said at the next board meeting we will have income over the threshold agreed upon, but since the port accountant was not at today's meeting this will be discussed at the next meeting. President Ferrara confirmed that the transfer was approved at the last STPPC meeting and said that he and the Executive Director had received an email from the financial advisor Sean McArthur, and they approved the transfer.

A motion was made by Secretary Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Sims to accept/approve the financials for the month ending May 31, 2025. Motion passed. Yeas: 4 Ferrara, Roper, Sims, Sheridan Nays: 0 Absent: 1 DePaula

OLD BUSINESS

Warehouse Buildings #2 and #3 – lease agreement update

Executive Director Patrick Dufresne told the commissioners that port attorney, Andre Coudrain, was not at the meeting, however there was no update with the tenant. He hoped that Mr. Coudrain would be available with an update at the STPPC meeting in July. There were no questions.

LA-DOTD Port Priority Program Application – update

Mr. Dufresne told the commissioners that a couple of signatures were needed for the cooperative agreement and resolution for the LA-DOTD reimbursement program. He said once these documents have been forwarded to the LA-DOTD in Baton Rouge, the STPPC will receive an executed copy and then be eligible for the LA-DOTD reimbursement program.

Invoice Payment Approval

The following invoices for payment were presented today by Vice President Roper: Cashe Coudrain and Bass

Services rendered through May 31, 2025

Inv# 131094 Matter # 4623-1 Amt.$ 840.00

Inv# 131095 Matter # 4623-4 Amt.$ 40.00

Inv# 131093 Matter # 4623-13 Amt.$ 40.00

Total Amt. $ 920.00

There were no questions regarding the invoices from Cashe Coudrain and Bass.

A motion was made by Secretary Sheridan and seconded by Vice President Roper that the Commission approve payment for the invoices presented today for Cashe Coudrain and Bass. Motion passed. Yeas: 4 Ferrara, Roper, Sims, Sheridan. Nays: 0 Absent: 1 DePaula

Litigation – update

South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission vs Wilco Marsh Buggies, Inc.,

Docket # 20240004367

Executive Session

Mr. Dufresne said that he had received an email from the port's attorney that there was no litigation update for today's meeting. Vice President Roper asked Mr. Dufresne, for the record, if we "are clear on that with the port project" and Mr. Dufresne replied "Yes." The Commissioners did not enter into Executive Session. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance FY 2025-2026 – update

Paula Sziber of Jackson Vaughn updated the commission on the insurance status for the upcoming term. She said she is still waiting for the numbers (from the underwriters) but expects them any time. Ms. Sziber said there was approximately a 33.5% increase in the rate from last year and explained how the percentage was determined. She said she was told there was an approximate 5% rate increase, and that the remaining 28.5 % rate increase was determined by the addition of a FEMA grant that raised the port revenues and was based on those revenues alone. She said the policy will follow the same special marine program as last year without wind coverage. She said if the board wishes to pursue a wind option, she can do that, however she expects the wind coverage to be at a high level as last year.

Vice President Roper had concerns about the renewal time and wanted to know if the insurance renewal date could be changed to negotiate premiums in the month of January and not June, during the hurricane season. President Ferrara asked if changing the renewal date would make a difference. Ms. Sziber thought it would make a difference; however, she said the wind rates are not there, that "we are basically only doing the fire rates". She said the only way to improve the fire rate is to consider a sprinkler system to the buildings, however the cost of the premium compared to the cost of a sprinkler system may not be feasible or may take a period of time before that number is feasible.

Vice President Roper mentioned that last time when discussing the insurance, that one of the reasons the insurance "went through the roof" was because of hazardous chemicals being blended in the buildings. Discussion was had regarding the blending of hazardous chemicals by the tenant, and the liability of the tenant, and that some of the cost should be passed on to the tenant.

After discussion, President Ferrara and Vice President Roper told Ms. Sziber the money from the FEMA grant is not revenue and felt this should be clarified with the underwriters. Commissioner Sims said the grant money is an operational non-recurring revenue dedicated to a particular project and said it would be helpful to have clarity. Vice President Roper continued to further to explain that the port does not have this money, that the port incurs the cost out of the current revenue and then the costs are reimbursed into the current revenue. She said the STPPC is reimbursed 90% of (project) costs with a 10% cost to the STPPC for the funds (previously approved) for multiple port improvement projects. Ms. Sziber said she would send correspondence regarding this to the underwriters and asked the commission if they could provide another report outside of the budget that shows revenue minus operating expenses to get the operational income only. Mr. Dufresne was asked to have a conversation with the port's accountant about this request. President Ferrara asked Mr. Dufresne if he had ever investigated getting a fire suppression system, and Mr. Dufresne said this was listed in the grant. He said fire hydrants will take water from the channel and a fire truck would be able to directly hook up to the hydrants. Ms. Sziber said that the insurance company is looking for an actual sprinkler system that would trigger immediately upon any kind of temperature change in the building. Mr. Dufresne said that the upgrade to the hydrants would be helpful to the response time for the fire department. Ms. Sziber said anything she could share with underwriting would be helpful, and she would share any information as soon as it was received.

A discussion was held regarding a resolution for the insurance renewal not to exceed a certain amount for this year and will allow Mr. Dufresne to negotiate on behalf of the commission.

Vice President Roper made a motion to authorize Executive Director Patrick Dufresne to approve on behalf of the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission the insurance renewal for 2025, not to exceed $250,000.00 and to present Jackson Vaughn with required information to potentially reduce premium costs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion passed. Yeas: 4 Ferrara, Roper, Sims, Sheridan. Nays: 0 Absent: 1 DePaula

Vice President Roper asked again about changing the renewal time frame. Ms. Sziber said she could go to the underwriters, and they could either cancel/re-write the policy or extend it to possibly a 20-month term and then renew at that time period. Vice President Roper asked Ms. Sziber to please consider this for the next renewal.

REMARKS

Mr. Dufrene said that Mr. Coudrain investigated the possibility of the STPPC requesting bids for multiple years in the Official Journal RFP instead of one year at a time. He said Mr. Coudrain told him the contract term must be for one year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

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Rhonda Sheridan, Secretary STPPC

Daryl Ferrara, President STPPC

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation

(12 Month)

SALARY: $37,730 - $54,240 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Family Resource Center, Hammond, LA

Tangipahoa Parish School System

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a High School diploma or

equivalency and one of the following:

• At least two (2) years of experience in an office or human resources setting,

• Successfully completed coursework leading to an Associate Degree in Office

Administration or Human Resources related area,

• Strong written and verbal communication skills,

• A Bachelor's Degree or higher in Office Administration or Human Resources preferred.

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be

submitted with the application

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website:

www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s)

will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of July 31,

2025, even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or

email applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Interviews will be tentatively scheduled the week of August 11, 2025. However, the date

may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please be advised that all applicants who apply for this

position should check their Frontline email account daily, including their SPAM folder, for

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Notice Posted: July 24, 2025
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025
4:00 P.M.
Personnel Committee Meeting
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Roll Call
Discussion of Personnel Matter
Adjourn
5:00 P.M.
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Call to Order
Please silence all cell phones
Roll Call
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance (All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute)
Visitors
Public Comment
Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting dated July 16, 2025
Drainage Plans – Southside Undercover Boat & RV Storage – McLin Taylor, Inc. – District 9
Project Updates – Spangler Engineering
Administrator's Report
a. June Financial Report
Personnel
Legal Matters
Commissioners' Privileges
Adjourn
For: Joey Mayeaux
President
By: Stanan Capdeboscq
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 AT

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DATE: July 17, 2025

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Melissa M. Stilley, Superintendent

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is excited to announce the continuation of the USDA Child Nutrition Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, parents/guardians will no longer need to complete a meal benefits application for their child(ren). To participate in this program, the only requirement is that the student(s) must be enrolled in one of the following Tangipahoa Parish public schools:

Amite Elementary Magnet	Independence Leadership Academy	Lucille Nesom Memorial
Amite High Magnet	Independence High Magnet	O.W. Dillon Leadership Academy
Amite Westside Middle Magnet	Jewel M. Sumner High	Perrin Early Learning Center
Champ Cooper Elementary	Jewel M. Sumner Middle	Ponchatoula High
Chesbrough Elementary	Kentwood High Magnet	Ponchatoula Jr. High
D. C. Reeves Elementary	Loranger Elementary	Roseland Montessori
Greenville Park Leadership Academy	Loranger High	Southeastern Laboratory
Hammond Eastside Elementary Magnet	Loranger Middle	Spring Creek Elementary
Hammond Eastside Middle Magnet	Martha Vinyard Elementary	Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions Program
Hammond High Magnet	Midway Elementary	Tucker Elementary
Hammond Westside Montessori	Natalbany Middle	Woodland Park Magnet

All students at these schools are eligible to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no charge. However, students will still be responsible for paying for second meals and extra sales items, which are not included in the program. No additional action is required from parents/guardians. For more information or updates, please visit the district website.

We look forward to providing healthy, delicious meals to our students for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Reed, TPSS Director of Child Nutrition, at (985) 748-2480 or via email at kendra.reed@tangischools.org. Thanks!

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Tangi Gumbo

A little bit of everything you need to know

Downtown Hammond's beloved end-of-summer celebration, the Hot August Stroll, is set to return Saturday, August 23, bringing an evening of art, music, wine, and community spirit to the heart of the city. Local businesses are invited to participate in the popular Wine & Cheese Stroll or host special events in their storefronts, while artists, vendors, and food trucks can showcase their creations to hundreds of attendees. The Listening Local Stage will once again spotlight live music from local performers, with sound provided and paid gigs available.

Volunteers are also needed to help make the event a success, with opportunities to earn service hours or gain experience. The deadline to apply for all roles is Friday, August 1, and more information is available at www.downtownhammondla.com/hotaugust.

A 14-year-old has been arrested and booked into the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center on a felony count of motor vehicle theft in connection with a June 25 incident in Independence, where a 2022 black GMC Sierra Denali was stolen from the 54000 block of North Railroad Avenue around 3am. The teen is also linked to at least two other recent cases, including another vehicle theft in the same area.

Surveillance footage from a Tickfaw business later that day showed two male suspects with the stolen truck, one wearing a black hoodie, black pants, and sporting short dreads. The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is still working to identify and locate the second suspect and is asking anyone with information to contact the Criminal Investigations Office or submit tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa.

The Southeastern Alumni Association is inviting graduates and supporters to the St. Tammany Alumni Happy Hour next week at Whiskey Tavern in Covington, set for Thursday, July 31, from 6 to 8pm. Attendees can look forward to an evening of good drinks, great company, and a chance to reconnect with fellow alumni while celebrating their Lion pride. The event is part of the association's ongoing efforts to strengthen connections with Southeastern Louisiana University graduates across the region. For more details or to stay updated on future events, visit the Southeastern Alumni Association's website at www.southeastern.edu/alumni.

Earlier this week a road rage incident on I-12 near the Holden exit ended with a suspect in custody after multiple shots were fired between vehicles around 5pm, according to the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Jason Ard confirmed no injuries were reported, but the victim's vehicle was struck several times, and a window was shattered. Responding officers from LPSO, Albany PD, and Killian PD located and seized the discarded handgun and arrested the suspect, identified as 31-year-old Trent Matthews of Ponchatoula.

Matthews will face charges including Attempted Second-Degree Murder, Illegal Use of Weapons from a Roadway, Obstruction, Aggravated Damage to Property, DUI, and related traffic offenses. The suspect's white Dodge Ram truck was also recovered, and the investigation remains ongoing.

A portion of Crossover Road will be closed for three days next week as Tangipahoa Parish road crews complete a bridge project. Parish President Robby Miller said Crossover Road will be closed at the timber bridge, which is located approximately one-quarter mile north of Robertson Road in Independence. Weather permitting, the closure will begin at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, and the detour will remain in effect until Thursday, July 31, at 6pm.

No traffic will be allowed through the closure area during this three day period. Signs are posted and motorists will be detoured accordingly.

Miller said that in addition to the bridge repair, Barriere Construction will continue performing work on the Phase 2025 road overlay project. The following tasks are scheduled during the week of July 28:

Shoulder Dressing: South I-12 Service Road, Whiskey Lane, New Genessee, Arbordale, Chappapeela, Woodstone, and East Park; Soil Cement Operations: Chemeketee Road, Frank Lane, Jaelyn Drive, Baytown Hills, Company Town, and Johnson Holton Road; Preliminary Patching: Gemstone Place and Chemeketee Road.

Miller said all work is weather permitting and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones.

For updates on road closures in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has arrested a Ponchatoula man in connection with false reports about an escape at the Tangipahoa Parish Jail.

Arden Wells, 70, was taken into custody on Friday, July 25, on one count of Terrorizing.

On June 24, Wells published false information on social media that an inmate had escaped the Tangipahoa Parish Jail. As there had been an actual escape the month prior, the inaccurate publication created undue concern among the public and resulted in several inquiries about the validity of the information. Following a thorough investigation, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

"Just as the law does not allow someone to falsely yell 'fire' in the middle of a theater to create panic, or to publish a fake threat against a school to cancel classes out of fear, a person cannot falsely publicize a concerning event like an inmate escape to scare people and we will not tolerate when they do," said Sheriff Gerald Sticker.

Terrorizing is defined by Louisiana R.S. Code 14:40.1 as "the intentional communication of information that the commission of a crime of violence is imminent or in progress or that a circumstance dangerous to human life exists or is about to exist, with the intent of causing members of the general public to be in sustained fear for their safety; or causing evacuation of a building, a public structure, or a facility of transportation; or causing other serious disruption to the general public."

Wells was booked into the Tangipahoa Parish Jail and then transferred to another facility out of an abundance of caution for safety and security.

Hammond/Ponchatoula Sunrise Rotary Donates to Kerrville Relief

The Hammond/Ponchatoula Sunrise Rotary Club proudly presents a $1,000 check donation to the two Kerrville, Texas Rotary Clubs to help their community recover from the floods.

Accepting the check is District Governor Keith Clayton and District Assistant Governor Danny Elstrott from Ponchatoula. Presenting the check is Peggy Hoover, Carolyn Howard, Jennifer Rousseau and Alex Martinez.

Horoscopes

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5th week of July

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You're on fire this week, Aries. Ideas are sparking left and right. Don't forget to slow down before you burn out. You want to showcase energy without creating chaos.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
This week is ideal for treating yourself to something great, Taurus. Money and love are both flowing in a way that is to your liking. The universe delivers for you right now.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, your words have power this week, so use them wisely or go wild. It's a great time to network, flirt or finally send that romantic text you've been thinking about.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
It's not a bad thing to have so many emotions flowing right now, Cancer. This week is ideal for reconnecting with your intuition or redecorating your space.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Get ready to shine again, Leo. You could be the center of attention and those around you love the show. You may also enjoy some career wins this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you're crushing your to-do list this week while others seem to be snoozing. Midweek brings you a curveball, but you can handle it with signature grace and organization.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Your charm is turned up to 100 percent right now, Libra. A chance encounter could ignite something sweet this week. Weigh your options regarding which path to pursue.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week you're serving up mysterious mastermind energy. People want your attention, but you are playing it really cool. Money or career secrets may come to light.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Adventure doesn't have to translate to a far-off trip, Sagittarius. It could mean a new idea or even a flirty conversation. If you're in the mood to explore, bring someone along.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you might be plotting your next power move, and this week the stars are backing you. You could be giving off boss energy, but don't forget to take care of yourself, too.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You're cool, quirky and full of surprises this week, Aquarius. Others are finally catching on to your appeal instead of trying to go up against you. A collaboration could spark genius.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Listen closely to your dreams this week, Pisces,. They are trying to tell you something. A creative streak could hit hard and it might lead to something truly magical.

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Our Wild, Wild World

By Kasia Perkowska

Bread: Harmful for Ducks and Birds

A common sight in the summer months and weekends is children and adults happily feeding ducks, geese, and various other birds at local parks or ponds. Parents and grandparents love to watch children squeal with delight as they feed the ducks. Unfortunately, the majority of us feed them bread, not realizing that it is extremely harmful to birds.

We may argue that the ducks or birds we feed on a regular basis love bread and always come running once they recognize us as the person who has fed them regularly. When wildlife and domestic ducks learn to depend on humans for food, and the only food offered is bread, a hungry animal will eat whatever is available. However, if given a choice of foods that are good for them, they would pick the bread last.

Why is bread bad? Bread is highly processed, and a bird's metabolism cannot digest it efficiently. It also contains high amounts of salt, sugar, and empty calories, which will fill a bird up very quickly yet fail to provide any nutritious value the bird needs to maintain a healthy body, strong bones, and healthy feathers.

Bread doesn't provide the proteins needed for muscle development and tissue repair, essential fats for energy storage and insulation, or the vitamins and minerals needed to maintain bone health and a strong and healthy immune system.

Over the years, I've gotten hundreds of calls from people who found what they thought were ducks and geese with broken wings at local parks. I always ask for a picture to determine if it indeed was a break, or a condition called "angel wing," caused by a diet high in carbohydrates like bread.

Angel wing happens when the last joint in the bird's wing twists outward, causing the feathers to point away from the body instead of lying flat. This usually makes the bird look like it has airplane wings, because they stick out at an unnatural angle.

Angel wing can be corrected during the juvenile stage by immediately placing them on a proper diet and binding the wings to the body in the correct position for a few days; but once they reach adult size, it's irreversible, and the bird will never fly, making them easy targets for predators.

When feeding smaller birds such as songbirds, crows or pigeons, bread can cause Metabolic Bone Disease (MBD), which is mostly irreversible, and can present in a variety of ways. I have a European Starling which was fed an incorrect diet for the first two weeks of life before he ended up with me.

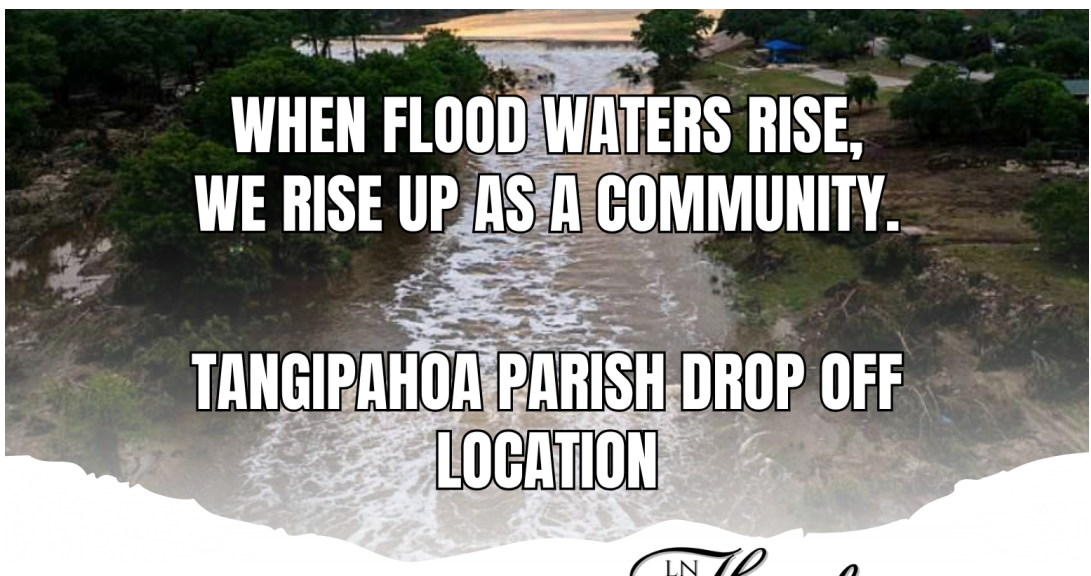
Two weeks may seem insignificant, but to a bird, a proper diet during this very crucial stage in development is of most importance. For Sparks, my little guy, this resulted in brittle bones, feathers not growing in correctly, and lots of ingrown feathers which needed to be gently pulled out. His back toes were also curling under, then towards the front, making walking very difficult.

Despite months of trying to correct his feet with "shoes" which held his toes in the proper position, within a day or two of the shoes being off, the feet returned to that improper position. He is only two years old and can live up to 20. Due to the wrong diet, he will never be able to perch correctly or walk without pain.

So, what should you feed ducks and other wild birds? Healthful options include bird seed and unsalted nuts. Anything with salt should be avoided since salt can damage a bird or duck's delicate digestive system.

Popcorn and crackers are extremely harmful and should be avoided. Fruits and vegetables such as corn, chopped up tomatoes, watermelon, cut up grapes, peas, and lettuce are also some of their favorite treats. Dry cat food or dog food, as well as uncooked instant oatmeal may also be offered.

Next time your child or grandchild wants to go to the park to feed the ducks, pair this important lesson with the fun outing. You will likely see an even bigger smile on their faces when they discover that their feathered friends will live better and longer lives with these snacks than with the ones that cause them harm.



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